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INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT

WORLDWIDE SEISMIC OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION CREW AND VESSEL TOTAL SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF LAST YEAR (1981)

Seismic exploration for oil and gas continued to increase internationally during the fourth quarter (December) of 1981, with a total of 1,261 seismic land crews and marine vessels active. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, which conducts the quarterly survey, the December total (1,261) reflected an increase of nine crews and vessels from the third quarter (September) total of 1,252. Gains were recorded in Canada, Mexico, Central & South America, Africa, and the Far East.

The international survey reflects data reported on seismic oil exploration activity by 150 private and governmental crew operators around the world. Special significance is attached to the figures since seismic crew activity is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT, DECEMBER, 1981

Geographically, seismic exploration for oil and gas during December, 1981, was reported as follows (third quarter, September, 1981, figures are shown in parentheses):

	UNITED STATES			CANADA	
	Land	Marine		Land	Marine
95 Contractors:	613 (654)	39 (40)	25 Contractors:	71 (40)	5 (6)
10 Oil Companies:	43 (43)	8 (6)	2 Oil Companies:	3 (4)	0 (0)
1 Government:	0 (0)	0 (1)			
Totals:	656 (697)	47 (47)	Totals:	74 (44)	5 (6)

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MEXICO

	Land	Marine
7 Contractors:	23* (23)*	3* (0)*
1 Government:	5 (5)*	0 (0)*
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	28* (28)*	3* (0)*

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

	Land	Marine
12 Contractors:	85* (76)	6* (7)
3 Governments:	15 (15)*	0 (0)*
1 Oil Company:	2* (2)	0* (0)
Totals:	102* (93)*	6* (7)*

EUROPE

	Land	Marine
16 Contractors:	53 (58)	23 (37)
2 Governments:	7* (7)*	0* (0)*
2 Oil Companies:	4* (4)	0* (2)
Totals:	64* (69)*	23* (39)*

MIDDLE EAST

	Land	Marine
12 Contractors:	43 (45)	6 (2)
1 Government:	2 (5)*	0 (0)*
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	45 (50)*	6 (2)*

AFRICA

	Land	Marine
13 Contractors:	68* (69)*	11* (3)*
1 Government:	4 (2)*	0 (0)*
2 Oil Companies:	11* (11)*	1* (0)*
Totals:	83* (82)*	12* (3)*

FAR EAST

	Land	Marine
12 Contractors:	62 (65)	11 (11)
2 Governments:	29 (3)	1 (2)
1 Oil Company:	3* (3)	1* (1)
Totals:	94* (71)	13* (14)

DECEMBER TOTALS:

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
United States:	656 (697)	47 (47)
Canada:	74 (44)	5 (6)
Mexico:	28* (28)*	3* (0)*
Central & South America:	102* (93)*	6* (7)*
Europe:	64* (69)*	23* (39)*
Middle East:	45 (50)*	6 (2)*
Africa:	83* (82)*	12* (3)*
Far East:	94* (71)	13* (14)
Totals:	1,146* (1,134)*	115* (118)*
Total Crews and Vessels:	1,261* (1,252)*	

*These totals include estimates from informed industry sources of additional unreported crews and vessels.

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INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT

WORLDWIDE SEISMIC OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION CREW AND VESSEL TOTAL SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1982

Seismic exploration for oil and gas decreased slightly internationally during the first quarter (March) of 1982, with a total of 1,257 seismic land crews and marine vessels active. According to the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, which conducts the quarterly survey, the March total (1,257) reflected a decrease of fourteen land crews and an increase of ten marine vessels for a net decrease of four crews from the December, 1981 total of 1,261 crews and vessels. Gains were recorded in Canada, Mexico, Central & South America, and the Far East.

The international survey reflects data reported on seismic oil exploration activity by 125 private and governmental crew operators around the world. Special significance is attached to the figures since seismic crew activity is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CREW COUNT, MARCH, 1982

Geographically, seismic exploration for oil and gas during March, 1982, was reported as follows (fourth quarter, December, 1981, figures are shown in parentheses):

	UNITED STATES			CANADA	
	Land	Marine		Land	Marine
91 Contractors:	554 (613)	45 (39)	27 Contractors:	100 (71)	2 (5)
10 Oil Companies:	43 (43)	7 (8)	3 Oil Companies:	4 (3)	0 (0)
1 Government:	0 (0)	0 (0)			
Totals:	597 (656)	52 (47)	Totals:	104 (74)	2 (5)

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MEXICO

	Land	Marine
7 Contractors:	25 (23)*	2 (3)*
1 Government:	5 (5)	0 (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	30 (28)*	2 (3)*

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

	Land	Marine
10 Contractors:	88 (85)*	9 (6)*
4 Governments:	33 (15)	0 (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (2)*	0 (0)*
Totals:	121 (102)*	9 (6)*

EUROPE

	Land	Marine
14 Contractors:	56*(53)	30 (23)
2 Governments:	0 (7)*	0 (0)*
2 Oil Companies:	4 (4)*	0 (0)*
Totals:	60*(64)*	30 (23)*

MIDDLE EAST

	Land	Marine
8 Contractors:	39 (43)	6 (6)
1 Government:	2 (2)	0 (0)
0 Oil Companies:	0 (0)	0 (0)
Totals:	41 (45)	6 (6)

AFRICA

	Land	Marine
10 Contractors:	62 (68)*	7 (11)*
0 Government:	0 (4)	0 (0)
1 Oil Company:	11*(11)*	0 (1)*
Totals:	73*(83)*	7 (12)*

FAR EAST

	Land	Marine
11 Contractors:	69 (62)	13 (11)
4 Governments:	33 (29)	3 (1)
1 Oil Company:	4 (3)*	1 ( )*
Totals:	106 (94)*	17 (13)*

MARCH TOTALS:

	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
United States:	597 (656)	52 (47)
Canada:	104 (74)	2 (5)
Mexico:	30 (28)*	2 (3)*
Central & South America:	121 (102)*	9 (6)*
Europe:	60* (64)*	30 (23)*
Middle East:	41 (45)	6 (6)
Africa:	73* (83)*	7* (12)*
Far East:	106 (94)*	17 (13)*
Totals:	1,132* (1,146)*	125* (115)*
Total Crews and Vessels:	1,257* (1,261)*	

*These totals include estimates from informed industry sources of additional unreported crews and vessels.

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